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1. FOLLOWING GUIDANCE ON ABOVE SUBJECT PREPARED FOR POSSIBLE USE AT PRESS BRIEFING TODAY DEC. 13. COMMENTS HOWEVER WERE NOT USED AND THEREFORE HAVE NOT RPT NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC. BRIEFING NEVERTHELESS PROVIDES BASIC GUIDANCE WHICH YOU MAY DRAW ON AS APPROPRIATE.

Q: WOULD YOU COMMENT ON BOB WOODWARD'S ARTICLE IN THE WASHINGTON POST ON SUNDAY ABOUT CIA INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITY IN MICRONESIA?

A. IN ACCORDANCE WITH LONG-STANDING PRACTICE, I CANNOT COMMENT ON ALLEGATIONS ABOUT ANY ALLEGED CIA ACTIVITIES.

Q: IS IT TRUE THAT THE QUESTION OF THE LEGALITY OF CIA SURVEILLANCE IN MICRONESIA IS CURRENTLY UNDER STUDY?

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A: AS I SAID, WE DO NOT COMMENT ON PRESS STORIES ABOUT

INTELLIGENCE MATTERS.

Q: WHY DID THE U.S. SIDE RECENTLY REQUEST A DELAY IN TALKS WITH THE MICRONESIANS?

A: THE REASON FOR THE U.S. SUGGESTION THAT INFORMAL TALKS BE HELD NEXT MONTH WAS THE DESIRE TO ATTAIN AN INTER-AGENCY AGREEMENT ON THE COMPLEX MARINE RESOURCES--LAW OF THE SEA ISSUES.

Q: IS THE U.S. TRYING TO DENY INDEPENDENCE TO THE MICRONESIANS?

A: NO. THE U.S. IS COMMITTED TO FULFILLING ITS RESPONSIBILITY UNDER THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE SELF-GOVERNMENT IN THE TRUST TERRITORY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FREELY EXPRESSED WISHES OF THE PEOPLES CONCERNED. UP TO NOW, THE MICRONESIANS HAVE FAVORED A FREE ASSOCIATION RELATIONSHIP. UNDER THIS RELATIONSHIP, SOVEREIGNTY WOULD RESIDE IN THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA WHO WOULD VEST IN THE U.S. FOR 15 YEARS RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY OVER THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE MATTERS OF MICRONESIA.

2. WILL APPRECIATE YOUR REPORT ON LOCAL REACTION AND ANY SUGGESTIONS AS TO FURTHER GUIDANCE REQUIRED.

3. FOR TOKYO: REPRESENTATIVE DUNCAN SCHEDULED HOTEL OKURA. PLEASE CONFIRM CONTACT.

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